

Sinclair Broadcasting is showing us why consolidating ownership of broadcasters is a dangerous game to play with democracy and the free press. Instead of representing local issues and providing real and INDEPENDENT journalism, someone 'upstairs' is forcing all outlets of their group to broadcast a one-sided anti-Kerry piece just days before the election with no intent to give equal time to a pro-Kerry program.

Sinclair is using the public's airways, and is obligated BY LAW to serve the public interest. Instead, we are getting what's good for their advertizing rates; they make more cash, we get less information and more bias. We need more local programs and views.

Sinclair's actions prove why media ownership rules should limit the number of stations one company can control. Sinclair's license renewal should be scrutinized CLOSELY, and QUESTIONED for their blatant disregard of the public interest.

I strongly urge the FCC to stop this outrageously biased use by Sinclair of their licenses to influence the election and disregard their legal obligations to serve the public interest, not their bottom line.